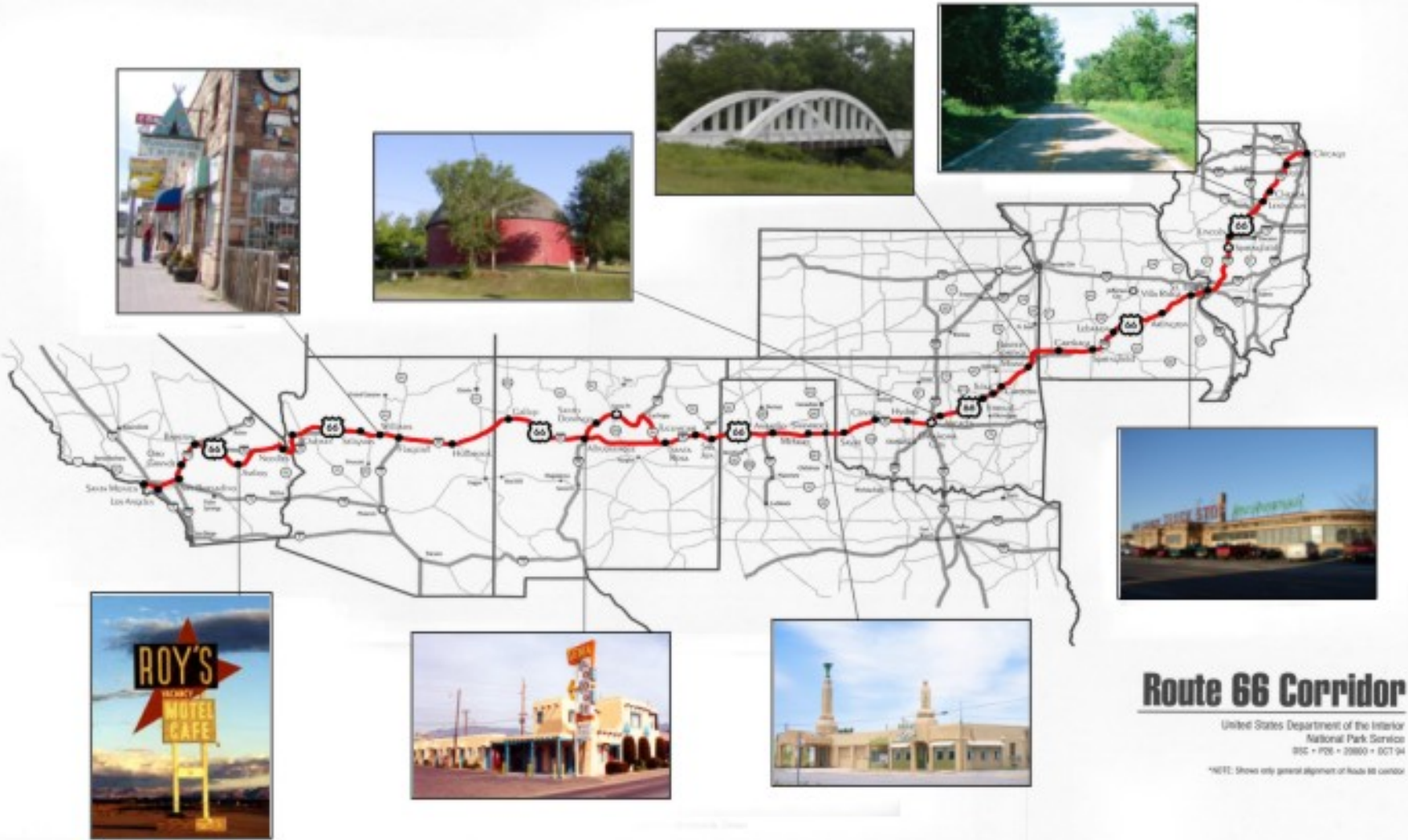


# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

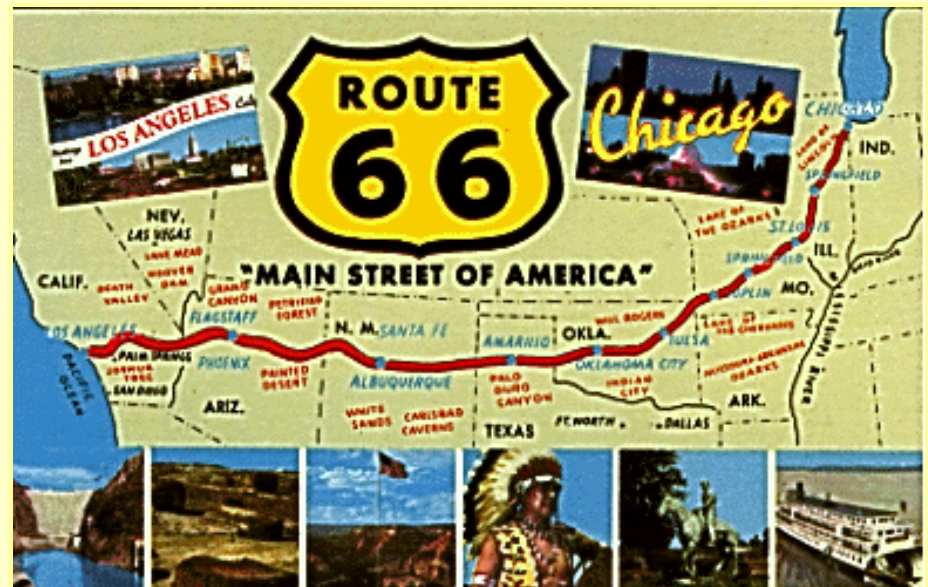
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# Route 66



- 66** Officially designated in 1926
- 66** Shortest all-weather highway linking Chicago to LA
- 66** 2,400 miles long  
(85% still drivable)
- 66** Strong connection with the arts -  
icon of Americana



# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program



**1985** – Route 66 decommissioned

**1990** – Route 66 Corridor Special Resource Study Act

“Route 66 is of national historical significance as a symbol of our transportation history. The **gas stations**, cafes, and motels that define the corridor are important tangible links to this history, and the most representative and significant properties **should be preserved.**”

# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program



**1999** – Congress passes Route 66 Corridor Preservation Act

**2001** – National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program established

# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program



“The Secretary (of Interior) shall assist in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor in a manner that is consistent with the **idiosyncratic** nature of the Route 66 corridor”



# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program



- Focused on preservation of transportation-related properties such as motels, gas stations, cafes, road segments, and cultural landscapes that existed during the **period of significance between 1926 and 1970**
- Provides **technical assistance** and **cost-share grants** for the most significant and representative historic resources along Route 66
- Works with **partners** in setting priorities for the preservation of historic resources



# Program Activities:

## Partnership Building



- Individuals/property owners
- Local governments
- Route 66 Associations
- Other nonprofit organizations
- Educational institutions
- Tribes
- State Historic Preservation Offices
- Departments of Transportation/FHWA
- Environmental Protection Agency



# Program Activities:

## Technical Assistance

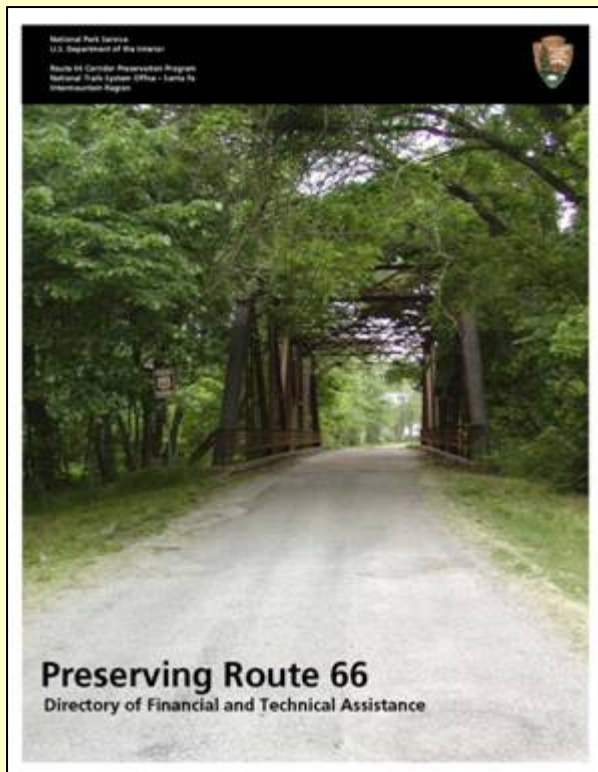


**John's Modern Cabins**

**Doolittle, Missouri**



# Program Activities: Clearinghouse



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## Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

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## Route 66 Corridor Preservation News

### Route 66 Preservation Grant and Cost-Share Funds Awarded for 2002

The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program has awarded grant and cost-share funds for the calendar year 2002. For 2002, the program distributed approximately \$1,000,000 in grant and cost-share funds to support preservation and research projects through a competitive process. In 2002, the first year of the program, 10 projects were awarded to 10 projects across the region where the program is active. These projects include a variety of historic preservation, research, and education projects. The projects are described below.

| Arizona  | Illinois   | Illinois (cont.)   |
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| <p><b>Project:</b> Frontier Motel and Restaurant<br/> <b>Location:</b> Phoenix, Arizona<br/> <b>Amount:</b> \$1,000,000 NPS, \$1,000,000 match</p> | <p><b>Project:</b> Frontier Motel and Restaurant<br/> <b>Location:</b> Phoenix, Arizona<br/> <b>Amount:</b> \$1,000,000 NPS, \$1,000,000 match</p> | <p><b>Project:</b> Frontier Motel and Restaurant<br/> <b>Location:</b> Phoenix, Arizona<br/> <b>Amount:</b> \$1,000,000 NPS, \$1,000,000 match</p> |

The Frontier Motel and Restaurant was a historic hotel and restaurant located in Phoenix, Arizona. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The motel and restaurant were damaged by a fire in 1990. The project is to restore the motel and restaurant to its original condition. The project is a joint effort between the National Park Service and the City of Phoenix. The project is a joint effort between the National Park Service and the City of Phoenix. The project is a joint effort between the National Park Service and the City of Phoenix.

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# Program Activities:

## Educational Outreach

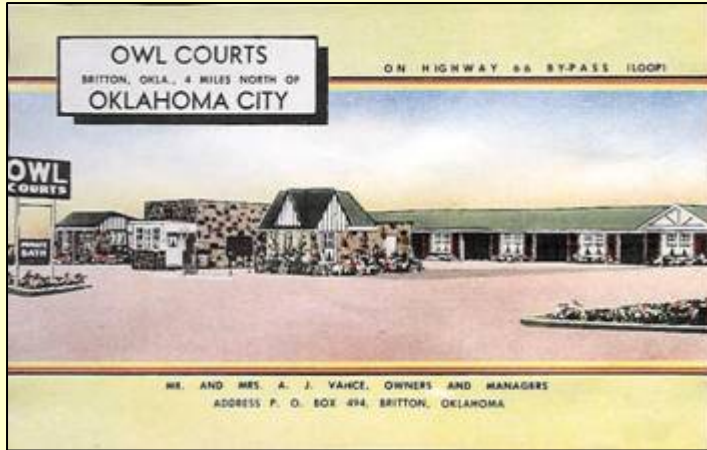


Workshops  
Meetings  
Conferences



# Program Activities:

## Cost-Share Grant Program



**Motels**



**Gas Stations**



**Cafes**



**Neon**



# Challenges:

## Reinvestment and Reuse



**Santa Rosa, NM**



**Depew, OK**

# Challenges:

## Reinvestment and Reuse



**Shamrock, TX**



**Tulsa, OK**



# International Recognition:

## World Monuments 2008 Site Watch List



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#### Historic Route 66, United States

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Route 66—initially a series of disconnected, unpaved local and state roads—was commissioned as a part of the first federal effort to develop a national highway system. Route 66 does not stand out as America's oldest or longest road, but what sets this segment of highway apart from its contemporaries is that it was the shortest year-round route between the Midwest and the Pacific Coast. As the country's use of the automobile increased throughout the twentieth century, the road facilitated westward mobility and reflected societal events and trends through its roadside culture. During the Depression, the road was an escape from the Dustbowl engulfing the Midwest. During World War II, the route was used to transport supplies and soldiers to the west. In the post-war era, mass western migration and the birth of leisure travel increased the popularity of the highway. Though now decommissioned, Route 66 has become a symbolic image of American culture reflected in literature, music, film, and television, and is still traveled each year by thousands of people from around the world.



Historic-building surveys of Route 66 show that the transportation-related structures such as motels, gas stations, cafes, and trading posts are primarily threatened by development in urban areas, and by decay and abandonment in rural areas. An example of the rate of loss of significant properties along the route was made recently in New Mexico, where it was found that within a ten-year period, six percent of the significant sites had been destroyed. The associated cultural landscapes are also under threat from development of housing and commercial ventures. If these threats are not addressed, the historic resources of Route 66 will be largely eclipsed by decay, demolition, and/or new development, leaving few tangible links to this part of American culture. The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, administered by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, assists with preservation planning, research, and educational initiatives, and serves as a clearinghouse for preservation information and technical assistance for those who wish to save "America's Silk Road." Unless reauthorized by Congress, the program is scheduled to end in September 2009.

This site is on the 2008 World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites.

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# Resources for Historic Preservation: National Park Service



## Resources:

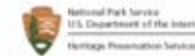
### ***Preservation Briefs: The Preservation and Reuse of Historic Gas Stations***

[www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/)

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### The Preservation and Reuse of Historic Gas Stations

Chad Randl



Unless you are driving with an empty tank, gasoline stations rarely attract attention. Yet, for the past hundred years gas stations have occupied prime locations on main streets and suburban corners, on small town roads, and along early highways. They are one of America's most common commercial building types and are emblematic of the twentieth century. Surviving historic stations are physical reminders of the transportation revolution and the influence of increased mobility on the landscape. They are a reflection of car culture, pop culture, corporate standardization, and an era of customer service that today seems quaint.

Today, many of these now historic gas stations are deteriorating or abandoned (figure 1). Changing land use patterns have concentrated new development along commercial strips beyond the downtown and neighborhood locations where many historic stations survive. Interstates have routed traffic away from

once-thriving secondary roadways. Small buildings and small lots, fostering environmental issues, and a relentless push for uniformity are all challenges to the continuing use of historic gas station properties.

Yet across the United States, gas stations are slowly being rediscovered for their historic significance. They have even been included on statewide endangered property lists. Once spurned as out of place incursions or eyesores, historic stations are increasingly appreciated for their contribution to the character of a neighborhood, and the way they are easily adapted for new uses. This *Preservation Brief* provides guidance on assessing the significance of historic gas stations and encourages their preservation by providing information on the maintenance and repair of existing structures. This Brief also describes appropriate rehabilitation treatments, including conversion for new functions when the historic use is no longer feasible.

The unique features and characteristics that define historic gas stations can be respected and preserved through sensitive maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation. Such work minimizes unnecessary alterations and ensures that the building continues to contribute to the character and vitality of its community.

#### Historical Background

For early motorists, refueling was rarely convenient and often dangerous. At bulk depots on the edge of town, gasoline was transferred from large storage tanks to smaller glass or metal dispensers, measured, and poured by hand. With the increasing availability of the motor car and the 1905 invention of the gas pump, car dealers, grocery stores, hardware stores, and other



Figure 1. Abandoned historic gas stations have in the past been viewed as a hindrance to the redevelopment of a neighborhood or community. Yet sensitive rehabilitation can ensure that the historic character of these buildings is preserved while providing for an economic reuse. Photo: Robert Olin, Shennock Park

# Resources for Historic Preservation: NPS Route 66 Cost-Share Grant Program



**79 projects funded to date**

**\$1,220,329 NPS funds**

**\$1,255,776 Match**

**\$2,476,105 Total**



# Resources for Historic Preservation: **NPS Cost-Share Grant Program**



- Brick and mortar, planning, research, interpretation, education
- Anyone can apply
- 1:1 cost-share match (cash or in-kind)
- \$5,000 - \$50,000
- Applications accepted Jan-April

# Resources for Historic Preservation: NPS Cost-Share Grant Program



- On or within view of any Route 66 alignment
- Must be in original location
- Priority given to:
  - Travel-related properties  
(gas stations, café's, motels, trading posts)
  - Properties eligible for or listed on the  
National Register of Historic Places  
(50 years or older)



# Resources for Historic Preservation: **NPS Cost-Share Grant Program**



- Brick and mortar projects must preserve or restore historic appearance of property  
(i.e., must meet the Secretary of Interior Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties)

# NPS Grants to Arizona Route 66: Old Trails Garage - Kingman



Recipient: **Private owner**

Amount: **\$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match**

Project: **Roof repairs**



# NPS Grants to Arizona Route 66: Hualapai Fuel Station – Peach Springs



**Recipient:** Hualapai Tribe

**Amount:** \$28,000 NPS, \$28,000 match

**Project:** Preservation Plan, structural repairs



# NPS Grants to Arizona Route 66: Frontier Motel & Restaurant - Truxton



Recipient: **Arizona Route 66 Association/ private owner**

Amount: **\$9,268 NPS, \$9,268 match**

Project: **Neon sign repair**



# NPS Grants to Arizona Route 66: Joe and Aggies Café - Holbrook



Recipient: **Private owner**

Amount: **\$3,400 NPS, \$3,400 match**

Project: **New roof, electrical work**





# NPS Grants to Arizona Route 66: Wigwam Motel - Holbrook



Recipient: **Private owner**

Amount: **\$18,000 NPS, \$18,000 match**

Project: **Neon sign repair, wigwam structural repairs, plumbing**



# Resources for Historic Preservation:

## Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



### Programs:

- **National Register of Historic Places**
  - Nation's list of places "Worthy of Preservation"
  - Honorific title
- **Tax incentives for rehabilitation work**
- **Grants**
- **Technical assistance with preservation projects**
- **Contact: [www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo](http://www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo)**

# Resources for Historic Preservation:

## Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



### National Register of Historic Places:



**Avantes Service Station**  
**El Reno, Oklahoma**



**Jackson Conoco**  
**El Reno, Oklahoma**

# Resources for Historic Preservation:

## Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



### National Register of Historic Places:



**Budville Trading Post and Gas Station**  
**Budville, New Mexico**



**Calumet Station**  
**Calumet, Oklahoma**

# Resources for Historic Preservation:

## Arizona State Historic Preservation Office



### National Register of Historic Places:



**Neptune Station**  
**Clinton, Oklahoma**



**Hualapai Fuel Station**  
**Hualapai Reservation, Arizona**



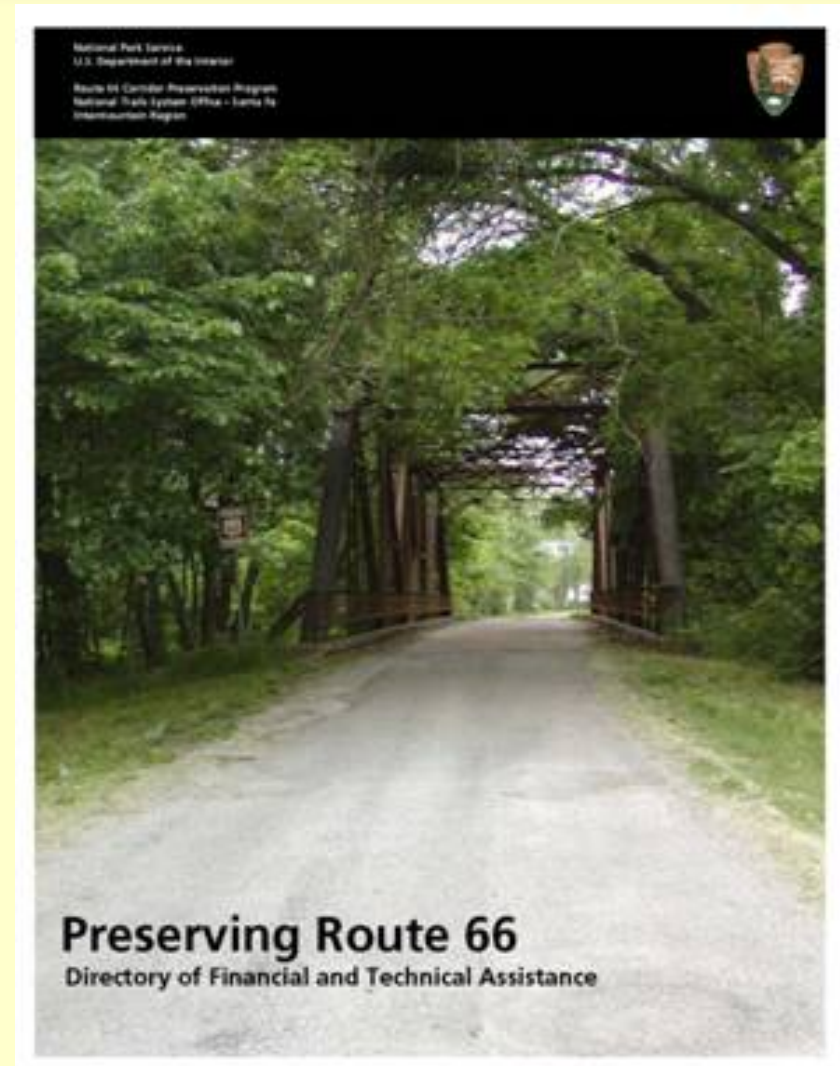
# Resources for Historic Preservation: National Park Service



## Resources:

### *Preserving Route 66 – Directory of Financial and Technical Assistance*

[www.cr.nps.gov/rt66/pubs](http://www.cr.nps.gov/rt66/pubs)



# Resources:

## Environmental Protection Agency



Holbrook, AZ

# Resources:

## Department of Commerce



### Programs:

- Grant funds and loans for:
  - revitalization plan development, workshops, seminars
  - development of tourism strategies
  - employee training, equipment, business expansion
  - infrastructure improvement, housing, community facility development
- Block grants for developing community capacity
- Contact: [www.azcommerce.com](http://www.azcommerce.com)

## Resources:

# US Small Business Administration



## Programs:

- Business loans, loan guarantees and disaster loans
- Free counseling on starting a business
- Contact: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

## Resources:

**Department of Commerce &  
US Small Business Admin.**



**Albuquerque, New Mexico**



# Resources:

## US Department of Agriculture



Committed to the future  
of rural communities.

- **Rural Development Program (pop. less than 50,000)**
  - **Grants between \$50,000-\$300,000**
  - **Private, nonprofit and public organizations**
- **Business Programs**
- **Contact: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)**

**Kingman office: 928-753-6181**

Resources:

US Department of Agriculture



Williams, Arizona

# Resources:

## Transportation Enhancements Program



**Provides states and communities a dedicated source of funding to address transportation-related environmental and quality of life issues**

- **Historic Preservation (5%)**
- **Rehab. of transportation related historic buildings (12%)**
- **Acquisition of historic sites and easements (3%)**
- **Scenic or historic highway programs (5%)**  
**(including tourist or welcome centers)**
- **Establishment of Transportation Museums (1%)**
- **Pedestrian and bicycle trails (45%)**

# Resources:

## Transportation Enhancements Program



- Projects/properties must be transportation-related
- Requests:
  - \$250,000 to 1 million
- Match: 80% Federal, 20% State and local match
- Eligible recipients:
  - Nonprofits, local, state, tribal and federal governments
- Contact:

[www.azdot.gov/highways/swprojmgmt/enhancement](http://www.azdot.gov/highways/swprojmgmt/enhancement)

# Resources:

## Transportation Enhancements Program



Conoco Station  
Shamrock, Texas



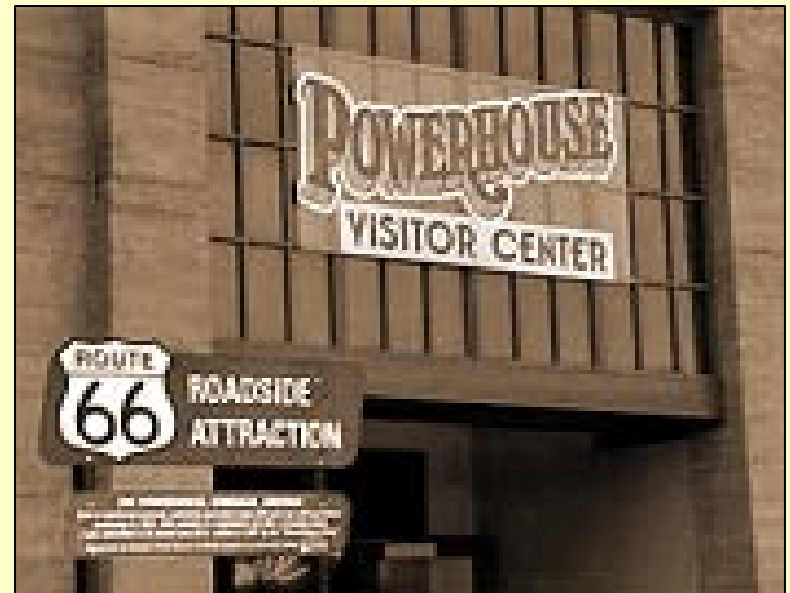


## Resources:

# Transportation Enhancements Program



Power House  
Kingman, Arizona



# Resources:

## Transportation Enhancements Program



La Posada Hotel  
Winslow, Arizona



# Resources:

## Arizona Route 66 National Scenic Byway



### America's Byways Program:

**To provide states and communities technical and financial assistance to help preserve America's scenic roads and to promote tourism and economic development.**

- State and Tribal program development
- Corridor Management Plans and implementation
- Safety improvements
- Byway facilities
- Access to recreation
- Resource protection (acquisition, restoration, etc.)
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing

# Resources:

## Arizona Route 66 National Scenic Byway



- Eligible applicants:
  - Anyone (in coordination with Byway Leader and affected Byway communities)
- Must address Management Plan priorities
- Must benefit Byway traveler's experience
- Must build or strengthen Byway organization
- Requests: Vary by state
- Match requirements: 80% Federal, 20% State and local match

# Resources:

## Arizona Route 66 National Scenic Byway



### Funding to date:

\$112,000 (1995) - Route 66 Corridor Management Planning

\$ 60,000 (1996) - Route 66 Corridor Management Planning

\$ 20,000 (2006) - Route 66 Corridor Management Plan Implementation

\$ 20,000 (2007) - Route 66 Corridor Management Plan Implementation

\$212,000 Total

### Contact:

Kathie Knapp

Arizona Scenic Byways

Arizona Department of Transportation

1800 S. Milton Dr.

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: 928-779-7595

Website: [www.bywaysonline.org/grants](http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants)



# Partnership Successes:

## Ambler's Texaco Station – Dwight, Illinois



Before

### PARTNERS:

NPS

EPA

Village of Dwight

Route 66 Association

After



# Partnership Successes:

## Standard Oil Station – Odell, Illinois



Before

### PARTNERS:

NPS

Hampton Inns Corporation

Village of Odell

Route 66 Association



After

# Partnership Successes:

## Magnolia Station – Vega, Texas



Before

### PARTNERS:

NPS

FHWA/DOT

Oldham County Chamber of Commerce  
City of Vega

After





# Partnership Successes:

## Vickery Phillips – Tulsa, Oklahoma



Before

### PARTNERS:

NPS

EPA

Private owner

Avis Rental Car

After



# Partnership Successes:

## Chevron Station – Amarillo, Texas



**Business Office**

### **PARTNERS:**

**NPS**

**Private owner**



# Partnership Successes:

## Hualapai Fueling Station – Peach Springs, AZ



### PARTNERS:

Hualapai Tribe  
NPS  
EPA

### Multiuse:

Fuel  
Artist Workshop  
Art and Craft sales

# Partnership Successes:

## Seaba Station – Warwick, Oklahoma



Antique Shop

### PARTNERS:

NPS

Private owner

# Partnership Successes:

## Soulsby Station – Mt. Olive, Illinois



Visitor stop

### PARTNERS:

Private owner

Soulsby Preservation Society

NPS

# Other Initiatives - Arizona Route 66



**Winslow**



**Cool Springs – Sitgreaves Pass**



**Peach Springs**



**Truxton**



# Other Initiatives - Arizona Route 66



Williams



Flagstaff



Ash Fork



Kingman



# Opportunities - Arizona Route 66



**Winslow**



**Twin Arrows**



**Truxton**

# Opportunities - Arizona Route 66



**Belmont**



**Seligman**



**Peach Springs**

# Thank You



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